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1. I AM NOW TELEPHONING KING IN AQABA TO SET UP IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT TO DELIVER LETTER REFTEL WHICH I BELIEVE STRIKES EXACTLY RIGHT NOTE.

2. ON QUESTION POSED PARA 10, I BELIEVE THAT FOR TWO REASONS THIS RESTRICTION WOULD BE MOST UNPALATABLE. THE FIRST HAS TO DO WITH KING'S PERCEPTIONS OF BEING PUT IN SECOND CLASS STATUS AND "HUMILIATION" WHICH RESULTED ON OUR LAST ROUND. HE INDEED HAS GIVEN HIS POSITION IN A PERSONALLY SIGNED LETTER TO ALL OF THE SENATORS INDIVIDUALLY THAT THIS IS THE DEPLOYMENT PATTERN HE INTENDS TO FOLLOW. THE PROPOSAL TO LIMIT PHYSICALLY HIS OPTIONS TO OBTAIN THE FULL USE OF EQUIPMENT WILL BE SEEN BY HIM AS BOTH A SIGN OF DISTRUST AND ALSO AS PUTTING JORDAN INTO LESS-THAN-FULLY SUPPLIED OR LESS TRUSTWORTHY STATUS. ON THE SECOND AREA, THE MILITARY QUESTION, THE LIMITATION OF EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT, I PRESUME, OF LIMITING HIS ABILITY TO MOVE THE HAWKS AROUND THE PERIMETER DEFENSE OF HIS CAPITAL AREA OR BASES AND RADAR SITES AND THEREFORE DEPRIVE HIM OF THE DEFENSIVE ADVANTAGES WHICH THE LIMITED MOBILITY OF THE HAWKS

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PROVIDES. THE FURTHER REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN TYPES

OF REVETMENTS, HARDENING, INTEGRAL COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.
BE SPECIFIED IS ALSO A PROBLEM. NEVERTHELESS, IF CONGRESS
IS SEVERELY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS QUESTION, I SEE NO
REASON WHY WE CANNOT SAY TO THEM UNILATERALLY THAT WE
WILL USE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE FIXED
DEFENSE PATTERN CHOSEN BY THE JORDANIANS APPROXIMATES
THE ABOVE TYPE OF INSTALLATION. IT IS MY RECOLLECTION THAT
SAUDI HAWKS AND SYRIAN SA-3'S ARE SO DEPLOYED AND THIS
MIGHT WELL BE POSSIBLE. FURTHER MANY OF THE ITEMS
WHICH MIGHT BE LIMITED -- WHEELED PLATFORMS, GENERATORS
AND LOADING PALLETS MIGHT BECOME SUBJECT OF LATER
LOCAL MANUFACTURE IN ANY EVENT.

3. IN SUM, IF WE CAN POSSIBLY AVOID THIS APPROACH,
WE SHOULD DO SO. I WOULD PREFER TO SEE EXECUTIVE-
LEGISLATIVE ASSURANCES ON FUTURE DELIVERIES IN THE
EVENT HAWKS WERE MISUSED HERE THAN TO TRY TO SELL
JORDANIANS ON ACCEPTING SOME HAWKS WITH LESS THAN
FULL CAPABILITY.

4. ABOVE DICTATED PRIOR TO SEEING KING AT AQABA.
AFTER HEARING RIFAI'S ADVERSE REACTION
IN PARTICULAR TO POSSIBILITY THAT JORDANIANS MIGHT BE
TIED BY US TO PUTTING HAWKS IN SPECIFIED LOCATIONS, I
AM EVEN MORE CONCERNED IT IS A NON-STARTER.
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